



## Welcoming our First Families at Varanasi



We are happy to welcome our first three children, and their parents, to our newest centre in Varanasi. The centre was inaugurated earlier this year in February by our founders, Mrs. Shyama and Mr. Nihal Kaviratne, along with Dr. R.A Badwe (Director TMC) and Dr. S. Banavali (Director Academics TMC). It can accommodate 16 families who come for treatment at the Railway Hospital.

### Our first residents include:

Twelve-year-old **Pawan Patel** who is battling blood cancer. He first came to our Cotton Green Centre in February 2019, while undergoing treatment at the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. He was discharged in October 2019 but had a relapse. Pawan is now continuing his treatment in Varanasi.

Thirteen year-old **Vivek Yadav** is from Mau, UP. He came to our Varanasi Centre in August after he was diagnosed with blood cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment at the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, Varanasi.

**Sneha Gupta** is from Gopalganj, Bihar. The 13-year-old first came to our Cotton Green Centre in July 2018. She was treated for blood cancer at the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. Currently, she is continuing her maintenance cycles at Varanasi.



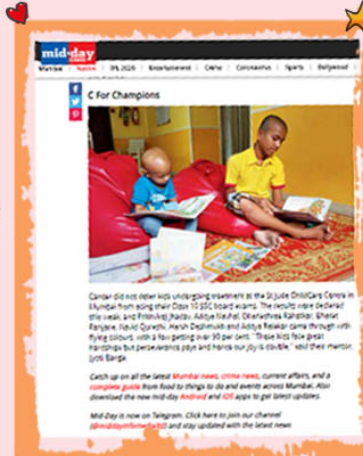


## Cancer no deterrent For these SSC high scorers

Cancer did not deter children like Prithviraj Jhadav or Aditya Navhal from doing brilliantly in their SSC 10th boards exams. While Prithvi from Nilanga scored 98%, Aditya from Akola got 94% in the results declared by the Maharashtra board last month. They have been staying at St. Judes Mumbai Centre and undergoing cancer treatment for blood cancer. These are just two of the many children who aced their 10th board exams this year.

Mid-Day featured these two along with the others that included: Dhanashree Rahatkar from Nanded who got 94.80%, Bharat Ranjane from Latur passed with Distinction, Navid Qureshi from Jalna got 80%, Harsh Deshmukh from Akola with 80%, and Aditya Relekar from Sangli got 76.40%. Click the link to read all about them.

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## Stories of Hope



Three-year-old Kunj came from Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh to AIIMS in Delhi for treatment of blood cancer. From the moment they walked into our centre, his family was very relieved and happy with all the facilities they were offered. They were admitted to our centre in December 2019 and have been staying with us ever since.

Kunj loves talking with everyone and playing with his father and enjoys activities held at the centre. But he also adapted very well to virtual activities that began during the lockdown. Our staff and teachers had to explain to him, and other children, why these events could not be held as earlier, and despite being so young, Kunj understood the importance of social distancing. He now warns his friends from entering his room!

Currently he is undergoing the third course of his treatment. We wish him speedy recovery.





## St. Jude's In The News

While everyone around the world was adjusting to working from home, our staff had been struggling to get to work during the lockdown to ensure our children and families did not miss out on the care and support they need at this crucial times. **India Development Review (IDR)**, India's first and largest independent media platform for the development community, featured our **Resident Manager, Madhubala Sharma** to showcase how frontline workers are coping during this pandemic.



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## IF Cancer Doesn't Stop, Neither Will We ✨

That simple sentence has been our motto throughout the pandemic. Here's a look at how our teams have been working tirelessly to ensure the safety of our children, parents, staff and volunteers.



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